Fertilizers for wheat producing States

t1807. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wheat producing States are facing the problem of shortage of fertilizers;

(b) whether Madhya Pradesh (especially Malva) is facing shortage of both fertilizers and water and due to this reason it has been included into lower coverage; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) instances of shortages/tight availability of fertilizers have come to the notice of the Government.

(b) Madhya Pradesh Government has reported shortages of fertilizers in the Malva region of the State. However, availability of water is adequate and area coverage under wheat is expected to be more than the normal area.

(c) All efforts are being made to ensure adequate availability of fertilizers in the State.

Investigations into high yielding agricultural commodities

†1808. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of varieties of agricultural commodities particularly high yielding ones assigned for further investigations to the agricultural universities of the States, State-wise; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) There is no provision in the procedure to assign high yielding varieties for further investigations to agricultural universities.

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